

## CHURCH MATTER

## Religious Notices.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Pastor. Public worship on the Sabbath at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Sunday-school prayer-meeting, Sabbath, at 7 P. M. Weekly prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7.45 P. M.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**—Rev. Ezra D. Simons, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school, 12 M. The Lord's Supper on the first Sabbath of each month, close of morning service. Temperance meeting on Tuesday evenings. Prayer meeting, Thursday evenings. Young People's meeting, Sabbath evening at 6.30 o'clock.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**—Rev. D. R. Lowrie, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 P. M. Prayer meeting, Thursday evenings at 7.45. Class meetings, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.45.

**THE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—Fremont Street, corner Franklin. Rev. S. W. Duffell, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 P. M. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening, in Chapel parlor.

**CHRIST CHURCH (Episcopal).**—Liberty Street. Rev. W. G. Farrington, D. D., Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock. Second service, 4 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.45 P. M.

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.**—Rev. J. M. Nardello, Pastor. First mass, 8.30 A. M.; High mass, 10.30 A. M.; Vespers, 3 P. M. Sunday-school, 2.30 P. M.

**BERKELEY UNION SABBATH SCHOOL.**—Held in Berkeley School-house, Bloomfield Avenue, every Sunday at 3 o'clock P. M. John A. Skinner, Superintendent. All are welcome.

**WATKINSING M. E. CHURCH.**—Rev. J. Cowans, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school, 2.30 P. M. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7.45. Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.45.

**ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Watkinging).**—Rev. Daniel I. Edwards, Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock; evening service, 7.30. Sunday-school, 3 P. M.

**GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—Rev. John M. Enslin, Pastor. Hours of service, 10.30 A. M. Sunday-school, 3 P. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening, 7.45.

**REFORMED CHURCH (Brookdale).**—Rev. William G. E. See, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school, 9 A. M. E. G. Day, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

**HOPE CHAPEL.**—Sunday-school every Sabbath at 3.30 P. M. John G. Broughton, Superintendent.

**SILVER LAKE.**—Sabbath-School held every Sunday, in the hall, at 3 P. M. Charles A. Hubbs, Superintendent. Gospel meeting every Sabbath evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and Conversational meeting, Friday evening.

**BLOOMFIELD S. S. TEACHERS' NORMAL CLASS.**—Rev. W. H. Brodhead, Lecturer. Meets on Wednesday evening of each week, at 8 o'clock, in the Sunday-school rooms of the First Presbyterian Church. Sunday-school teachers, workers, and friends are cordially invited.

**REV. D. R. LOWRIE** will preach in the Park M. E. Church on Sabbath evening. Subject: "Ornaments—Rich and Rare." A vesper service will be held previous to the delivery of the sermon.

**THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP WIGGERS** will preach at High Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart to-morrow. Millard's new Mass in B flat will be rendered by the choir. In the afternoon the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to about seventy of the congregation.

## Easter Services in the Churches.

## CHRIST CHURCH.

The services at this church on Easter Day were well attended. In the morning the "Programme of Music," given in our last number, was effectively rendered by the Misses Clark, Miss Davis and the Messrs. Martin, Mr. L. P. Williams presiding at the organ. The Rev. Dr. Farrington took for his text, "Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast," and preached an appropriate sermon on "Life through death." The number of communicants was large, six persons receiving for the first time. The beautiful floral decorations, the inspiring music, and the hearty responsive worship combined to make the service worthy of the Great Festival of the Resurrection. "The Queen of the Festivals." In the afternoon the service was for the children. They sang their glad Easter Carol, were briefly catechized by the Rector, and made their offering. Easter cards and decorated eggs were then distributed among them, and they returned to their homes with hearts full of joy.

## PARK M. E. CHURCH.

The Park M. E. Church was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers last Sunday. The Easter anthem was rendered in very fine style by the Chorus Choir, under the leadership of S. L. Hubbell. The singing was greatly appreciated by the large and intelligent audience. Rev. D. R. Lowrie preached on "The Joy of the Resurrection." The discourse was one of the very best efforts of Mr. Lowrie's ministry. The Sunday School held Easter services in the afternoon. They were very interesting, and were under the direction of the Supt., F. H. Carl. The school is in a flourishing condition; and is steadily increasing in numbers and efficiency. The members of the Park Church are very much delighted over the return of their pastor for the third year. The officers and friends of the above church are worthy of all praise for the great improvements made on their church, chapel, and parsonage, making the whole property one of the finest ornaments of the town.

## CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.

The services at this church during the Holy Week were very impressive, consisting of the Way of the Cross, and singing of the *Stabat Mater* on Wednesday evening. Thursday evening visits to the Repository where the Blessed Sacrament was kept. Friday evening, sermon on the Passion of Our Lord, and the Adoration of the Cross. Easter morning, 1st. Mass at 8.30, and sermon on the Resurrection of Our Lord. 2d. Mass, which was a

High Mass, and sermon at 10.30. A new Mass was sung (Mr. Ward's) under the leadership of Miss Kate O'Brien. Miss Mary Ellen Higgins and Mr. Michael O'Brien especially distinguished themselves in different solos. The flower decorations on Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday were very beautiful. Next Sunday the Right Rev. Bishop Wiggers will say the 8.30 Mass, will preach at the last Mass, and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 70 children, and preach again at 8.30 P. M.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The floral decorations about the pulpit were very fine. The ladies who arranged the flowers so often here deserve great credit for their work. It never disappoints. The services were opened by an organ voluntary satisfactorily rendered by Messrs. Seymour and Ward. An admirably selected piece was sung by Mrs. Ballantine with fine effect. The distinctness of enunciation was particularly worthy of marked commendation. Every word could be understood.

In the evening the vocal music was furnished by a double quartet. Judging from the remarks made by the members of the congregation as they passed out of church, the result was eminently satisfactory. The earnest sermons of morning and evening were appropriate to and worthy of the day.

## GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Easter services of the German Presbyterian Church included the communion. The attendance was the largest ever known, and extra seats were required. Thirteen new members were received. In the afternoon the Sunday-school services were held with special reference to the day. This church now has \$1,700 in bank toward a new parsonage. A meeting was held last night respecting the project. They are greatly encouraged and hope for further success and the help of their friends.

## WESTMINSTER CHURCH.

At this church a most excellent sermon was preached by the Pastor, from the text "He is not here: He is risen, as he said." The place where the Lord lay. The pulpit platform was literally covered with flowers. Appropriate music was rendered by a double quartet. An important feature of the morning service was a special Easter collection, amounting to \$160.00, to complete the sum of \$1,500, which this congregation has contributed since January 1st toward the extinction of its bonded debt.

## THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

A very good sermon appropriate to the day was preached by the Pastor. Some beautiful flowers were tastefully arranged on either side of the pulpit. In the Sabbath-school the "Scripture Exercises and Singing" were chosen with special reference to the Resurrection of Christ.

## HOPE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

No special service was held at Hope Sunday-school on Easter Sunday, but flowers were placed upon the desk, and songs were sung and remarks made appropriate to the day. Preparation is making for the anniversary, which will take place the first Sunday in June.

## Easter Monday Election in Christ Church.

The Easter Monday election, in this parish for the Church Officers, resulted as follows: Wardens: J. L. Clark, J. S. Henly. Vestrymen: E. A. Rayner, N. Smith, H. K. Bicker, J. S. C. Bailey and A. C. Marr. Deputies to the Convention: Henry K. Bicker, Charles S. Squier and S. Grover Baldwin. Treasurer of the Parish: Joseph L. Clark. Secretary of the Vestry: Edwin A. Rayner.

## The Grade of Midland Avenue.

To the Bloomfield Citizen: "They" say that the grade of Midland Ave. is all wrong, and that it is blamed for it. Now, I desire to say, with reference to this charge, that all that is the matter with the grade in question, is that the plan proposed by me and agreed upon by the Town and the Committee, never been executed in full, owing to the Committee not having the necessary funds; at least that was the reason given by the Committee at the time the work was partly done.

That this was the common understanding is proven by the fact that a correspondent of THE CITIZEN said so at the time, and took occasion to commend the Committee in that what they had ordered done "was in the right direction." "They" are also of opinion, I believe, that a mistake was made by digging deeper at Linden Ave. than was necessary. But this is itself a mistake; the digging is none too deep to bring water from Washington Ave. It is true that it was found necessary to dig nine inches deeper in front of Mr. Jarvis's in Linden Ave. than I at one time informed the Committee that it would be, and herein is "the head and front of my offending." It will be easily seen that this is a very different matter from making a cut, undesirable in itself, deeper than was a necessity of it. JAS. HUGHES.

## A Primary School at the West End.

To the Bloomfield Citizen: A communication to your paper, signed "West End," criticizes the action of the Trustees in reference to the new primary school building.

He says: "Some nine or ten years ago the need of a primary school, to be located west of the railroad, was presented at the Annual School Meeting, and the claims of that part of the District were so far recognized that a committee was appointed to procure a site for the building of a primary school at that house. From some cause the further consideration of this subject has been dropped, and so far as my memory serves me, without any official explanation."

At a School Meeting, held March 21, 1882, the Trustees were directed "to take what measures may seem advisable looking to the establishment of a primary school in one of the outlying districts." Acting under these instructions the Trustees made an earnest effort to secure a suitable lot in West End, but without success. They so reported to a meeting held July 17, 1882. By a resolution then adopted they were continued a Committee to find a suitable lot, etc.; and to report to a special meeting to be held September 15, 1882. They then reported that they were unable to procure a lot in West End, but that the lot in Liberty Street was "in their judgment most favorably situated and in size and

grade admirably adapted for that purpose."

After full discussion, and in view of all these facts, fairly presented, the meeting adopted the resolution instructing the Trustees to purchase the Liberty Street lot, said resolution being offered by a gentleman then and now residing in West End. Of course this ended the matter so far as the Trustees were concerned. Again, he says: "Several times the question has been asked at school meeting, as to the number of children residing in West End who are liable to attend the primary department. I have never yet heard the answer."

Had "West End" been present at the school meeting held in March, 1883, he would have heard his question answered. The figures were compiled by the Clerk from the last census report, and showed that there were 119 children between five and ten years of age. As the proportion of children attending school is about two-thirds of the whole number, it was estimated that the new school would begin with about 80 scholars. I was not present at the meeting which adopted the resolution to purchase the Liberty Street lot, but am sure that the Trustees are not blameable in the least for the action taken at that time. West End has not been unjustly crowded out in the location of the new building. The simple truth is, that the Trustees were "crowded out" of West End and driven by necessity to locate their school somewhere else. WM. A. BALDWIN, District Clerk.

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